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SUBJ: SOVIET-PHILIPPINE TRADE AGREEMENT

REF: A) MANILA 10698; B) MOSCOW 11523

1. SEPT 8-19 VISIT TO PHILIPPINES OF EIGHT MAN SOVIET TRADE AND OIL DELEGATION RESULTED IN (A) MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT STATING TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO USSR-PHILIPPINE TRADE AGREEMENT, (B) STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT MARCOS THAT TRADE BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY IMPLEMENTED; AND (C) TABLING OF SOVIET DRAFT OF TRADE AGREEMENT. MARCOS STATEMENT AND TABLING OF SOVIET DRAFT AMPLY REPORTED IN LOCAL PRESS, LEADING TO SPECULATION THAT FORMALIZATION OF TRADE RELATIONS IMMINENT. NEWS OF SIGNING OF MEMORANDUM, ALTHOUGH REPORTED IN OFFICIAL PHILIPPINE NEWS AGENCY FILES, WAS NOT RELEASED FOR NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION. ACCORDING TO DEPARTMENT OF TRADE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION BLOCKED IN ORDER PREVENT ERRONEOUS
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PUBLIC CONCLUSION THAT TRADE AGREEMENT SIGNED.

2. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE PHILIPPINE MISGIVINGS OVER VARIOUS ASPECTS OF SOVIET DRAFT, INCLUDING PROVISIONS FOR FULL DIPLOMATIC STATUS FOR SOVIET TRADE OFFICE, LIKELY TO LEAD TO THOROUGH STUDY OF IMPLICATIONS OF AGREEMENT WITH ATTENDANT DELAYS OF CONSIDERABLE DURATION BEFORE FINAL AGREEMENT REACHED. EMBOFFS HAVE RECEIVED INQUIRIES FROM GOP OFFICIALS SEEKING INFORMATION ON PITFALLS AND PREVAILING PRACTICES IN DEALING WITH SOVIETS IN TRADE AND DIPLOMATIC SPHERES.

3. EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED COPY OF SOVIET DRAFT WHICH BEING POUCHED UNDER COVER OF AIRGRAM.
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